

presence of African-American westerners. The painting "One of the First" by noted African-American artist and Coloradan James Wider depicts a Buffalo soldier during a snowstorm, reminiscent of a time of great hardship in our State's early history. For me, this image portrays the struggles and determination of all the people who shaped the West we know today. I am appreciative to the artist, as well as Dr. Anthony Young, the vice chairman of the Black American West Museum & Heritage Center, for allowing me the privilege to temporarily hang the painting in my office.

While this painting highlights the early presence of African-Americans in the West, it also reminds me of the countless individuals in Colorado's Black community who have served and continue to serve their communities, our State and our Nation in more contemporary times. I would like to highlight two Coloradans who reflect this influence: Dr. Evie Dennis and Rev. Milton Proby.

Dr. Evie Dennis rose in her career as a teacher to become the superintendent of Denver public schools from 1990 to 1994, when she worked to improve the education of all of Denver's schoolchildren. In 2008, Dr. Dennis was inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame, and she continues to work in support of communities across the State.

Rev. Milton Proby was a prominent figure during his 47 years in southern Colorado, where he proudly faced adversity in championing against inequality and injustice. The reverend served under three Colorado Governors and helped to establish Colorado's Civil Rights Commission, among many other notable achievements and awards.

People like Dr. Dennis and Reverend Proby have overcome struggle to serve—and lead—our State. Their contributions remind us of how vital African-American communities have been to our State's history, and I have no doubt that the same communities will continue to be a driving force toward a better future.

Mr. President, Black History Month is a time for all Coloradans and Americans to reflect on the contributions of African Americans to our State and throughout our great Nation. I encourage my fellow Coloradans to celebrate these contributions not only during this month but throughout the entire year.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JACK LALANNE

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Jack LaLanne, a fitness pioneer who inspired generations of Americans to exercise regularly and eat healthily. Mr. LaLanne passed away on January 23rd at his home in Morro Bay, CA. He was 96 years old.

Francois Henri LaLanne was born in San Francisco on September 26, 1914, and was nicknamed "Jack" by his brother. He spent his early years in Bakersfield before his family moved to Oakland.

As a child, Jack was a self-described sugar addict who had an affinity for junk food. At the age of 15, he heard a lecture on healthy living by nutritionist Paul Bragg at the Oakland Women's City Club that would change his life. Inspired by the lecture to become healthier and more fit, Jack developed a zeal for physical fitness and good nutrition that he would later pass on to millions of people in America and around the world.

In 1936, he opened the Jack LaLanne Physical Cultural Studio in downtown Oakland. Mr. LaLanne's devotion to help others adopt healthier exercise and eating habits was apparent as he would often call his clients at home to check why they had missed scheduled workouts. His reputation as a fitness enthusiast grew quickly.

In 1952, he began hosting a morning workout show on a local television station. The Jack LaLanne Show was especially appealing to children who he encouraged to exercise with their parents. The television show was eventually syndicated and ran for 34 years in the United States and Europe.

Mr. LaLanne's rise to prominence came during a time when many people doubted the benefits of regular exercise and a healthy diet. To overcome this skepticism, he participated in a series of public demonstrations to prove the positive impacts of his teachings. At age 40, he swam from Alcatraz to San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf while towing a 2,000-pound cabin cruiser. At 60, he swam the Golden Gate Channel while handcuffed and shackled and towing a 1,000-pound boat. At 70, he towed a flotilla of 70 boats for a mile in Long Beach Harbor, once again, handcuffed and shackled.

A man with an unparalleled fervor for healthy living and an appreciation for life that was an inspiration to so many over the years, Mr. LaLanne accomplished his goal of getting people of all ages and from all walks of life to adopt a more active and healthy lifestyle. He will be missed.

I send my deepest sympathies to his family, especially to his wife of 51 years Elaine, daughter Yvonne, son Jon, and stepson Dan Doyle.●

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE W. R. "BOB" HOLCOMB

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the life, accomplishments and service of the late W. R. "Bob" Holcomb. Mr. Holcomb was well-known as a committed civil rights activist and visionary on behalf of the city. Mr. Holcomb held the distinction of being the longest serving mayor in the city of San Bernardino's history, serving for a total of 18 years, from 1971 to 1985 and

1989 to 1993. Mr. Holcomb passed away on November 29, 2010.

Mr. Holcomb grew up in San Bernardino and attended San Bernardino High School, graduating in 1940. After high school, Mr. Holcomb continued his education at UC Berkeley. Like many others of his generation, he grew into adulthood in a military uniform. Mr. Holcomb left UC Berkeley to join the U.S. Army in 1942, serving as a bomber pilot. After the war, Mr. Holcomb married Pearl Pennington in 1946 and returned to UC Berkeley, graduating in 1949. He continued his studies on the other side of San Francisco Bay and earned his law degree from UC Hastings College of Law in 1950.

Mr. Holcomb's experiences in the military and later as an attorney helped to mature him into being the extraordinarily effective leader for the people of San Bernardino that he was. Mayor Holcomb helped further the socioeconomic progress of San Bernardino, spearheading projects such as the establishment of the city's first affirmative action office; the relocation of Little League Baseball regional headquarters to San Bernardino; the founding of California State University, San Bernardino; and forging an alliance with neighboring cities to create Omnitrans—the region's first transportation agency—to represent the area's best interest. According to longtime San Bernardino journalist Cassie McDuff, "He did what he thought was best for the city . . . and didn't care if he got credit or not."

I extend my heartfelt condolences to Mr. Holcomb's family and friends. He will be missed.●

RETIREMENT OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR ROBIN SHIPLEY

• Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, today I wish to speak on the occasion of CSM Robin Shipley's retirement after 42 years of honorable service in the U.S. Army Reserve.

A native of Ogden, UT, he rose to the highest rank of the Noncommissioned Officer Corps, command sergeant major—a crowning achievement after a long distinguished career. I am most impressed in his recent role as operations sergeant major for the Joint and Special Troops Support Command.

The Joint and Special Troops Support Command only recently was activated at Fort Douglas, UT. The difficult task of activating a new command requires tremendous leadership and tireless commitment. True to the finest traditions of the United States Army and the Noncommissioned Officer Corps, Sergeant Major Shipley rose to the challenge and performed his duties in an outstanding manner. This capstone performance was a fitting end to his long remarkable career.

Accordingly, as recognition of his exemplary service, Command Sergeant Major Shipley was awarded the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal

with second oak leaf cluster, Army Reserve Commendation Medal with third oak leaf cluster, and the National Defense Service Medal.

I am sure Command Sergeant Major Shipley would agree, his honorable career would not have been possible if not for the support of his wife, Judy, and son, Cody. To them, we are also grateful.

I know I am joined by all of my colleagues in the Senate congratulating the command sergeant major on the occasion of his retirement and extending to him the Senate's sincere gratitude for his dedication to the defense of our Nation. We wish him and his family only happiness in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO TERRY WOSTER

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish, with great honor and pride, to pay tribute to a member of the Fourth estate in my home State of South Dakota. Terry Woster's career in journalism has spanned 44 years—an impressive mark in any profession, most certainly in the newspaper field.

Terry was born to Henry and Marie Woster and grew up on a farm near Reliance in Lyman County. He graduated from Chamberlain High School in 1962 and from South Dakota State University in 1966 with a degree in journalism. Terry grew up with two brothers and two sisters, fondly known as the Woster clan.

Terry married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Gust, after finishing college. Together they raised three children in Pierre.

Terry began his journalism career in 1967 at the Sioux Falls Argus Leader. He covered sports, wrote features, and was a photographer for 2 years before he went to work for the Associated Press in Pierre. After 9 years with the AP covering the Capitol and politics, Terry became editor of the Pierre Times and then managing editor for the Daily Capitol Journal. He became the Capitol reporter for the Argus Leader, a position he held for 22 years.

Readers of the Argus Leader, as well as other South Dakota newspapers, have become acquainted with Terry and his chosen topics through his weekly human interest columns. His writings accurately reflect life in South Dakota and have sometimes earned him the title of South Dakota's poet laureate.

South Dakotans have come to know the man who treasures his family, recounting many stories of growing up near Reliance, playing basketball for Chamberlain High, and boating on the Missouri River. He loves history, politics, and enjoyed going to work every day in Pierre where he got to know the Governors, legislators, and all who worked in the South Dakota State Capitol Building. His strong sense of community service was reflected in many ways including service on the Pierre Library Board.

Terry's journalism skills have earned him many prestigious awards over the years. The Argus Leader, South Dakota Farmers' Union, South Dakota Newspaper Association, and South Dakota Press Association have all presented him awards. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from South Dakota State University.

Terry has authored and published three books, including "South Dakota 100," "The Woster Brothers' Brand," written with his brothers, Kevin and Jim, and "The Spirit of Sioux Falls."

South Dakotans of all political persuasions know Terry Woster as a fair and well-respected reporter. I am among those who have long valued Terry's political reporting, wit, and wisdom. I also am proud to call Terry a friend. We have shared our experience with prostate cancer and are proud of our wives who are breast cancer survivors.

Thank you, Terry, for sharing your career and personal life with the newspaper readers and the citizens of South Dakota, and congratulations on a career filled with professionalism and dedication. You can take great pride in your career achievements and accomplishments, and you are a true credit to the State of South Dakota.●

45TH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 45th anniversary of Youth and Family Services, YFS, a wonderful nonprofit organization based in Rapid City, SD, that provides support services for children and families. YFS has steadily grown in the last 45 years to become a thriving center of support to more than 11,000 children and their families every year.

Beginning in 1965, the organization was known as Girls Club and was one of many organizations offering programs and services to children and families. With hard work and a devotion to serving others, Girls Club evolved into Youth and Family Services, growing dramatically to incorporate several programs that offered similar services. YFS is one of the most comprehensive youth development organizations in western South Dakota.

The available programs have been consistently expanded to encompass more of the community. Working closely with other organizations, YFS remains focused on fulfilling its mission statement to help children and their families be capable, caring, and contributing members of their communities. YFS is working to serve an additional 3,000 to 5,000 children and families by expanding programs within child obesity prevention, healthy eating, and fatherhood programming, along with many others. In these hard economic times, the programs offered are even more critical, and YFS is building a strong endowment to ensure that they can continue to serve.

I am proud to recognize Youth and Family Services and all the people who have made reaching its 45th anniversary a success. The goals of Youth and Family Services are praiseworthy. This organization plays a vitally important role in western South Dakota, and I am thankful for all the devoted citizens who make the programs possible.●

TRIBUTE TO FRANK WOODRUFF BUCKLES

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to Frank Woodruff Buckles on the occasion of his 110th birthday. Frank has gained fame as the last living World War I veteran in the United States and has humbly accepted praise on behalf of the veterans who have gone before him. His story, like that of so many of the doughboys, is one of patriotism. As a 16-year-old in 1917, Frank lied to a military recruiter about his age so that he could join the Army. Once overseas, Frank served as an ambulance driver in England and France. Following the Armistice, Frank was part of a company returning prisoners of war back to Germany.

During World War II, while working for a private shipping company in Manila, Frank spent 3 years and 2 months as a Japanese prisoner-of-war. He still has, to this day, the small tin cup that he ate his paltry meals out of during that time period.

While we appropriately honor Frank for his service to our country, we should also recognize him for his longevity. His 110 years of life are no doubt due to his dedication to fitness and his love of learning. Well into his hundreds, Frank was still doing 50 situps a day and driving both his car and his tractor. Frank's love of learning has led him to learn numerous foreign languages and read countless books.

Frank never intended to have the distinction of being the last American World War I veteran. As he has said, "I knew it would happen to somebody, but I didn't necessarily think it was going to be me." Mr. President, I think you will agree with me that Mr. Buckles has accepted this honor with grace and humility. We salute you today, Frank Buckles, and wish you the best on this special occasion.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. EDMOND DYAS

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, it is appropriate that we take a moment to note the passing of Dr. Edmond Dyas of Mobile, AL, who was one of Alabama's most famous athletes and an accomplished orthopedic surgeon. Dr. Dyas first came to my attention when I was a young Boy Scout thrilled with the opportunity to have the chance to attend Auburn University football games as an usher. He was one of my first heroes. He was an Auburn team leader, a three-time Academic All American and All American, the Southeastern Conference's top running back in 1960, and